

(k) *Final deliverables.* Upon completion of the feasibility study, the grantee shall submit the following to the Agency:

- (1) The project feasibility study; and
- (2) SF–270.

(l) *Renewable energy feasibility studies.* Beginning the first full year after the feasibility study has been completed, grantees shall report annually for 2 years on the following:

(1) Is the renewable energy system project for which the feasibility study was conducted underway? If “yes,” describe how far along the renewable energy system project is (e.g., financing has been secured, site has been secured, construction contracts are in place, project is completed).

(2) Is the renewable energy system project complete? If so, what is the actual amount of energy being produced?

(m) *Other reports.* For clarification purposes, the Agency may request any additional project and/or performance data for the project for which grant funds have been received.

(n) *Grant close-out and related activities.* Grant close-out and related activities shall be performed in accordance with the Departmental Regulations. In addition, failure to submit satisfactory reports on time under the provisions of paragraphs (i) through (m) of this section may result in the suspension or termination of a grant. The provisions of this section apply to grants and subgrants.

§§ 4280.183–4280.185 [Reserved]

ENERGY AUDIT AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

§ 4280.186 Applicant eligibility.

To be eligible for an energy audit grant or a renewable energy development assistance grant under this subpart, the applicant must meet each of the criteria, as applicable, specified in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section. The Agency will determine an applicant’s eligibility.

(a) *Type of applicant.* The applicant must be one of the following:

- (1) A unit of State, tribal, or local government;
- (2) A land-grant college or university, or other institution of higher education;

(3) A rural electric cooperative;

(4) A public power entity; or

(5) An instrumentality of a State, tribal, or local government.

(b) *Capacity to perform.* The applicant must have sufficient capacity to perform the energy audit or renewable energy development assistance activities proposed in the application to ensure success. The Agency will make this assessment based on the information provided in the application.

(c) *Legal authority and responsibility.* Each applicant must have, or obtain, the legal authority necessary to carry out the purpose of the grant.

§ 4280.187 Project eligibility.

To be eligible for an energy audit or a renewable energy development assistance grant, the grant funds for a project must be used by the grant recipient to assist agricultural producers or rural small businesses located in a State in one or both of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, and shall also comply with paragraphs (c) through (e), and, if applicable, paragraph (f) of this section.

(a) Grant funds may be used to conduct and promote energy audits that meet the requirements of the energy audit as defined in this subpart. Energy audits must cover the following:

(1) *Situation report.* Provide a narrative description of the facility or process being audited; its energy system(s) and usage; its activity profile; and the price per unit of energy (electricity, natural gas, propane, fuel oil, renewable energy, etc.) paid by the customer on the date of the audit. Any energy conversion data should be based on use and source.

(2) *Potential improvements.* List specific information regarding all potential energy-saving opportunities and the associated cost.

(3) *Technical analysis.* Discuss the interactions of the potential improvements with existing energy systems.

(i) Estimate the annual energy and energy costs savings expected from each improvement identified for the potential project.

(ii) Estimate all direct and attendant indirect costs of each improvement.